therein, for both resource inventorying and projected future requirements of production systems.

(iv) Projections of the population and rural labour force, and the employment implications of the regional plan are also to be attempted.

(v) Essential linkages of production pogrammes with input supply systems and product markets and related issues are to be considered comprehensively.

(vi) The effect of the institutional framework on agricultural development and policy measures for improving it will be an important area of study by the Planning Teams.

News Item Captioned 'Pensioners Feel Betrayed'

4381. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Pensioners Feel Betrayed' which appeared in Hindustan Times of the 17th May, 1988 about the old pensioners who retired before 1973;

(b) whether Government have received representations from the pensioners on the alleged injustice done to them; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken by Government to remove the misunderstanding and to do justice according to the revised liberalised pension?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) As per the Government of India Ministry of Finance O.M. No., F. 1(3)/EV/83 dated 22-10-1983 as amend d from time to time, the pensioners who retired before 1973 were given the benefit of the slab formula which takes into account the qualifying service upto 33 years and the higher ceiling of Rs. 1500/- for pension with effect from 1-4-1979. Further as per the recommendations of the Fourth Pay Commission the Government has issue O.M. No. 2/1/87-PCI(I) dated 16-4-1987 enhancing the pension of such pre-73 pensioners also. The Government do not think that any injustice has been done to any class of Central Government Pensioners.

Establishment of Flood Forecasting Station in Andhra Pradesh

4382. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of flood forecasting stations established by Central Water Commission in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) the number of forecasts made by these forecasting stations in Andhra Pradesh ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) Nine.

(b) Three hundred eighty-one.

Constitution High Level Committee

4383. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government constituted a

high level committee to study the problems of flood prone areas and to suggest measures for affording a reasonable degree of protection on long-term basis in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the committee is likely to submit its report, and

(c) if not, whether the Government propose to constitute a committee now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI). (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

Allocation of Amount for Flood Control in Andhra Pradesh

4384. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the short and long term measures taken by Government for flood control in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) the amount released by the Central Government for the purpose during the last five years year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) and (b) Government of Andhra Pradesh have been constructing embankments, drainage channel, detention reservoirs, town protection works and raising of villages under the State Plan provisions.

Fixation of Pay of Officers in Defence Services

4385. SHRI JERLI E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the pay of some of the re-employed officers in the defence services in the rank of Major and equivalents are still fixed at total monthly salary of Rs. 1450/- per month with an increment of Rs. 50/- per year which is at present on par with JCO's salary;

(b) whether any action is being initiated to implement recommendations of the Fourth Pay Commission for the fixation of pay for re-employed officers ; and

(c) if so, when it is likely to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI) : (a) As per extant orders, the pay of a retired Defence Service Officer who is re-employed in the Defence Services in the rank of Major or equivalent, when fixed in the prerevised scale of pay of the rank of Major, will be in the pay scale of Rs. 1450-50-1800. He is also allowed to draw normal increments in this scale, provided that the pay, the gross pension exlcuding the ignorable part and the pension equivalent of gratuity taken together do not exceed the last pay drawn before retirement or Rs. 3500/- whichever is less. The prerevised scale of pay of a Major cannot be compared to the revised pay scale of a JCO.

(b) and (c) No specific recommendations have been made by the Fourth Central Pay Commission for fixation of pay of re-employed Defence Officers. However, taking into account the recommendation that Government may review the entire question of fixation of pay on re-employment, the Department of Personnel and Training have issued certain orders in regard to fixation of pay of pensioners re-